

AMENDED CLAIMS

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Claims:

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1. A thin-walled, blown glass ornament that opens, in particular, a Christmas tree or other seasonal ornament, of any spatial body, which is characteristic in that it consists of at least two glass modules, top (1) and bottom (2); the modules are dimensionally and spatially correlated in the connection plane (3) thereof; at least one module is of a shell construction obtained by cutting a solid blown module.
2. An ornament according to claim 1 wherein the top module (1) and the bottom module (2) may be connected an/or permanently disconnected (separated) by means of at least two locks (4) situated on the rim of each module.
3. An ornament according to claim 1 wherein the top module (1) and the bottom module (2) are connected by means of an articulating hinge (5) or an articulated joint and are closed by means of at least one lock (4) situated on the rim of each module.
4. An ornament according to claim 1 wherein the top module (1) comprises one spatial body.
5. An ornament according to claim 1 wherein the top module (1) consists of at least two spatial bodies (1a) and (1b) and each of the elements is connected with the bottom module (2) in the connection plane (3) by means of articulating hinges (5) or by an articulated joint and at least one lock (4).
6. An ornament according to claim 1 wherein the edges of the modules, in the connection plane thereof, are provided with a metal rim, or other protection means which is provided with an articulated joint for bending aside and a lock for connecting both modules.
7. An ornament according to claim 4 wherein the top module (1) is provided with a projection (6) for suspending a hanger.
8. An ornament according to claim 5 wherein each of the spatial elements, (1a) and (1b), of the top module is provided with a projection (7) for affixing a lace, or a lace hanger, or an ornamental string, or a bow, or a wire.
9. An ornament according to claim 1 wherein the bottom module (2), which is either a shell construction or closed, solid body, is provided with a flat surface (8).
10. An ornament according to any of claims 1 and 8 wherein at least one miniature, ornamental object (9) made of any material is placed inside and fastened onto the surface of the bottom module (in case of a solid body); or, alternatively, onto the inserted roof (11) of the bottom module (in case of a shell construction).
11. An ornament according to claim 1 wherein the outer surface of the top module (1) and the bottom module (2) is covered with imprints (10) obtained from a metal mould and the outer and inner surface of the ornament is then treated with paint and/or glitter and/or gold and/or silver and/or is engraved.